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PSI Passing Out Parade

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&BCT)- The Passing out Parade of the 41st batch of Police Sub-Inspector (Civil) Probationers from the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) held at KPA premises this morning was an event to remember. First, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy himself was the chief guest, second, the event was webcast live from KPA and third, there were many highly qualified candidates who have entered the Police force including 56 engineering degree holders, one M.E. and two M.Tech degree holders.

In all, 287 candidates entered the Police force and Belagavi had the highest number of candidates (35), closely followed by Bagalkot (28). There were 12 probationers from Mysuru and 7 from Mandya. Among the 287 probationers, 50 were women. Their training commenced on 12.2.2018 and the Probationers have undergone 47-week training including training in field and operations for 28 days.

CM H.D. Kumaraswamy is seen presenting the Best All-rounder Trophy to Tippu Sultan Nayakwadi at the PSI Passing Parade in city this morning as Home Minister M.B. Patil, DG&IGP Neelamani N. Raju and KPA Director Vipul Kumar look on.

In all, there were 10 teams that marched past at the event and presented the Guard of Honour to the CM. The overall Parade Commander was Tippu Sultan Nayakwadi from Haveri District. Other Unit Commanders were Anand Manshettar, N.K. Rajesh, Santosh Kumar, Prakash Kanajere, G. Shruthi, Akhashtha Kurugundi, Harinath Babu, Kiran Raj, B. Shiva Shankara and Nabisa Walika.

(See PARADE on page 8)

HOLIDAY

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Mysuru, Monday 14th January 2019

On the other side of the counter

Currency circulating in the country's economy and used in trade and by its people at large has been witnessing unprecedented intervention by the government, the recognised authority for its issue as legal tender. First of all, coins of face value equal to less than one rupee have become part of the coinage in the land. The next landmark event that resulted in nearly 86 percent of total paper currency in the country demonetised happened 26 months and one week ago. Those who could declare bank notes of Rs. 500 and Rs.1,000 in their possession that were legal tender until the midnight of Nov. 8, 2016, rushed to the banks to get the amount in legal currency. The gentry who had hoarded wealth in the form of demonetised notes and unable to declare resorted to beat the law-keeping agencies of the government in their own game by various means that the media reported with graphic details.

Money in the form of coins and notes in multiple denominations had been taken for granted by all sections of population until that day of jolt. Replenishing currency in circulation to fill the gap taking time, the masses experienced a financial choke and the small traders were the worst affected, unable to exchange their wares for money.

More than 2,00,000 ATM (Automated Teller Machines or more popularly identified for its Any Time Money) kiosks, with State Bank of India having nearly 60,000 of them, which also had been taken for granted, witnessed an abrupt rush resulting in the machines going cashless themselves. Then began the story of hectic action on the *other side* of the bank counters. Front pages of newspapers in all languages also ran out of column space reporting the pell-mell that people seeking cash caused in the premises of banks everywhere. Small traders proved their ingenuity in dealing with the crisis that descended upon them like a bolt from the blue.

While the *aam janata* were clueless on where from to get hold of cash for their daily activities of buying their needs of life, the staff in the branches of banks felt helpless facing fury of the account-holders. Even as the Reserve Bank of India sources have revealed that the satisfaction level of customers of banks has declined drastically, plight of those on the other side of the counter didn't make any difference to the customers.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Imagine a future where you are never truly alone. Even when your spouse is on a business trip or your children are away at summer camp, you will always have someone (or something) to talk to. In the morning, you could ask the microwave to heat up a bowl of oatmeal. In your car, you could tell your stereo to put on some 90s music. And when you walk into the office, you could ask your smartphone, "What's on my calendar today?" This is increasingly the world the tech industry is building with a bloating portfolio of devices that can react to voice commands.

— Brian X Chen in Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist turns driftwood into amazing sculptures

Cape Town: A South African sculptor, best known for his mesmerizing sculptures, is turning driftwood into amazing creations. He began working with the material in 2007 and quickly learned how to use the organic knots and twists of washed up logs to bring them to life.

Sculptor Tony Fredriksson begins by sketching out his ideas in a journal, and going through a few references for accuracy. He then begins his hunt for the perfect piece of driftwood to suit his vision. One of his most notable pieces is the sculpture of a shark, siliced horizontally to expose its various internal organs.

Another interesting piece is the life-sized skeleton of a humpback whale that he made on Seychelles' Desroches Island, using the driftwood found only on that beach.

Tiger finds best friend in goat

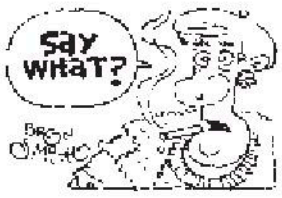
Shkotovo: A caged Siberian Tiger has surprised the staff at Primorsky Safari Park, near Vladivostok, Russia, after befriending a goat that had been offered to him as live food.

Three-year-old Amur, one of the last remaining Siberian Tigers, had never shown any sign of compassion for the live food, caretakers at Primorsky Safari Park offered him twice a week. He would usually pounce on scared rabbits and goats and kill them. But something was different about the goat that was thrown into his enclosure last November.

The goat didn't just up and run at the sight of Amur. He just stood his ground, which confused the giant feline, who didn't attack it as he normally did other live prey. Instead Amur befriended the goat and the animals are great friends now.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can smoking affect my hearing?



New research has revealed that smokers experience a 1.2% to 1.6% increase in risk of hearing loss as compared to those who have never smoked. This increased risk involved both low-and high-frequency hearing loss.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Dr. Rohini Mohan performs at Sydney Kannada School

Mysuru, Jan.14- Noted Sugama Sangeetha artiste Dr. Rohini Mohan, who is on a visit to Australia, gave an hour-long programme at Sydney Kannada School sponsored by Sugama Kannada Koota on Jan.5 as New Year programme, where she was invited as chief guest.

The highlight of the programme was singing of some selected verses from DVG's *Mankutimmana Kagga* which was greatly appreciated by the audience besides poems of popular Kannada poets. Later she was felicitated by the organisers.

Wins 'Best Teacher' Award

Syeda Azma Jabeen of Andalus English School was conferred 'The Best Teacher - Middle School (State Board)' during the Karnataka Educational Awards-2018 Ceremony held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Bengaluru, by Youth Efforts For Society Trust under NITI Ayog, Government of India. The award was presented by Malathi Krishnamurthy Holla, an International Para Athlete from India.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Efficiency of RTO - Mysuru West !

Sir,

I have been reading of corruption-free efficient services at the Office of RTO in Mysuru, often in these columns. In fact my own experience there, about two years back, when I went to renew my DL also proved the point that they had become efficient in their ways of working as much as the Officer who facilitated the renewal was very courteous and helpful. And the entire team in the RTO's Office deserved appreciation and encouragement.

This feel good factor about my experience in RTO's Office two years back has diminished after my recent experience with them in the last three months. I lost my original DL in the month of Sept. 2018 and hence had to apply for a duplicate one. I completed the process of filing a complaint with the Lakshmipuram Police Station and then submitted an application for issue of a duplicate DL on Sept. 17, 2018 (Application No. 2299678218).

I then completed the balance activity of providing biometrics and the procedure of 'scrutiny' at their Mysore West Office on Sept.20, 2018 which took almost 3 hours of my time standing in different long queues.

I could see a lot of middlemen getting their jobs completed with the officers concerned in no time, while we (the ones who had not gone through the middlemen) had to wait in long queues outside the Office. It is obvious the middlemen are in the good books of these Officers, for reasons which need not be stated and hence get the privilege of direct access to them without the need to stand in the queues to get their jobs done.

While I have no grouse about these middlemen, the general public are taken for granted and made to wait for the benefit of a few within and outside RTO's Office !

Further this does not go well with the 'corruption-free efficient services' name the RTO has earned for himself. I am a senior citizen and I left their Office after I was told that there is nothing more to be done on my part and the duplicate DL will be sent by post within the next 30 days.

It is close to 4 months and I am yet to get my duplicate DL. Telephone calls are not generally answered and when answered you are asked to visit their Office. After a few visits in the last 3 months, I was able to get my application approved only on Dec. 1, 2018. And I still patiently wait for this elusive duplicate DL. So much for the corruption-free efficient services of RTO West !

—B. Prahlad Achar
Lakshmipuram
8.1.2019

ACCT (I) Life-time Achievement Award to former CFTRI Chief Scientist

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. G. Muralikrishna, former Chief Scientist and Head, Department of Biochemistry, was awarded the prestigious Life-time Achievement Award by the **Association of Carbohydrate Chemists and Technologists (ACCT), India,** at the 33rd Annual Conference held at IISER, Kolkata, last month. ACCT (I) honours annually since 2003 the most successful chemists, biologists and technologists in the country who have been working in the area of glycoscience. The award includes a citation, shawl, memento and cash prize of Rs. 75,000 sponsored by Lucid Hydrocolloids Ltd., Mumbai.

Dr. G. Muralikrishna, former Chief Scientist (Scientist-G) & former HoD, Professor, AcSIR, Department of Biochemistry, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, seen receiving the award from Prof. Rob Field, Editor-in-Chief, Carbohydrate Research Journal, who is also the President, Chemistry - Biology Interface Division of Royal Society of Chemistry, Norwich, UK.

Dr. Muralikrishna has extensively worked on food carbohydrates and their degrading enzymes at CSIR-CFTRI for more than 37 years and his work is internationally recognised through his publications. He served as reviewer for more than 20 international journals. He has guided 14 Ph.D candidates and published over 75 publications in peer-reviewed International journals. He was granted four Indian patents and one US patent. He is the recipient of several awards such as Venus International Foundation Life-time Achievement Award 2017, ACCT (I) Carbohydrate Excellence Award (2013), Laljee-Godhoo Smarak Nidhi Award (2002), AFST (I) Fellow (2008), CFTRI Best Scientist Award (2009) and Best Paper Award in basic sciences (2005).

He served CFTRI in several committees as Chairman and member during his service. He was the Head, Biochemistry for 21 months during which the Department of Biochemistry was awarded the Best R&D Department in CFTRI for the year 2017. His Ph.D students are well-placed in USA, Europe and India in various Universities and Industries. He superannuated in Feb. 2018 from CSIR-CFTRI.

City students excel in Yogasana

Mysuru, Jan. 14- K. Siyya Poovaiah, a 6th std. student of Christ Public School, Bogadi, has secured 2nd place in the State-level Inter-School Yogasana Competition-2019 conducted by Sri Brahmashree Narayana Guru Yoga Mandira at Chikkamaniketana Kalyana Mantap in Kuvempunagar here recently while S. Hamsini, a 4th std. student has secured 7th place in the competition under different categories.

They are trained by C.L. Rudresh, a National Yoga Champion, since six months.

Laksha Deepotsava

Mysuru, Jan. 14-As part of its 58th annual celebrations, Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samithi and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple, Laksha Deepotsava will be held at the Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, today (Jan.14) at 6 pm.

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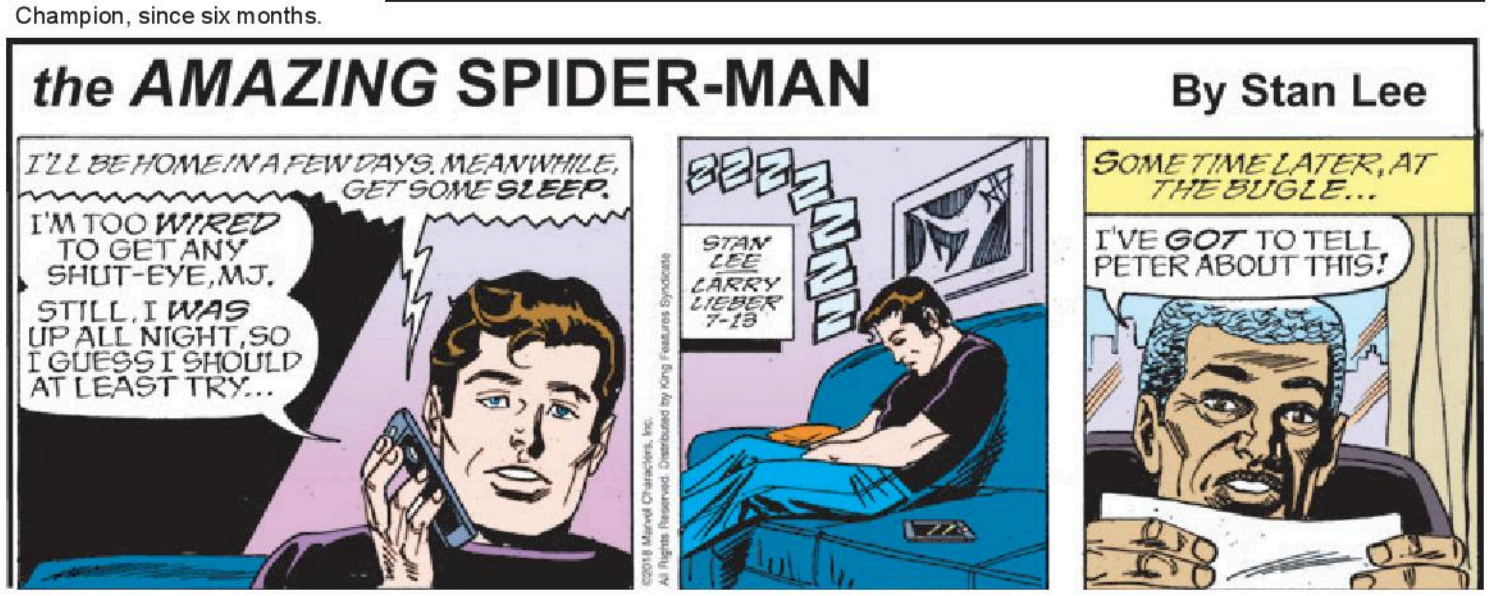
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I'VE GOT TO TELL PETER ABOUT THIS!
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Conmen posing as cops relieve seniors of their valuables in 3 incidents

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MK, MTY& KS)- In three separate incidents, conmen posing as CID, CBI and Police officers, have relieved gold ornaments of three senior citizens in city.

In the first incident, **62-year-old Mahadev,** who was walking in front of a bank on Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar was relieved of his gold chain and three finger rings on Saturday morning.

The conman, who approached Mahadev, told him (Mahadev) in Hindi that he was from the Crime Branch and asked Mahadev not to wear gold ornaments while going for a walk as miscreants would commit murder for gold.

After showing Mahadev a fake ID card, he told him to remove his gold ornaments, wrap it in a handkerchief and go home. Believing him, Mahadev removed the 15 grams gold chain and three finger rings weighing 8, 14 and 3 grams and put the gold ornaments in the handkerchief the conman was holding.

The conman later put a knot to the kerchief and gave it back to Mahadev asking him to go home carefully. When Mahadev reached home and opened the handkerchief, he did not find any of his gold ornaments. He immediately lodged a complaint at Nazarbad Police Station in this regard.

In the second incident, **80-year-old Krishnaprasad** of Gokulam, who was returning home after purchasing medicines from a supermarket near Mathrumandali Circle, was approached by three persons claiming to be CBI Officers.

They told Krishnaprasad that they were checking for drugs and then checked his pockets. They then asked Krishnaprasad to remove his gold chain and finger ring he was wearing and also took his purse and handkerchief. The three persons then asked him not to wear gold ornaments while moving around alone and pretended to wrap the jewels in his kerchief before giving it back after putting a knot. They asked Krishnaprasad to open the kerchief on reaching home.

Believing them, Krishnaprasad went home and opened the kerchief only to find his eight grams gold finger ring and 25 grams gold chain missing. He immediately took his children and began to search for the three conmen in vain and later lodged a complaint at V.V. Puram Police Station.

In the third incident, **Shivalingu,** a resident of K.G. Koppal in city, was proceeding on his scooter near Subramanya Temple on KRS Road, when two unidentified persons on a two-wheeler came from behind and asked Shivalingu to stop.

Shivalingu did not listen to them and proceeded further on his scooter. But the two unidentified persons, who followed him, reportedly hit the scooter of Shivalingu with their vehicle forcing him to stop.

The duo told him that they were CID Officers and showed him their ID cards too. They then cautioned Shivalingu saying that robbery cases had taken place nearby and asked him to remove the gold he was wearing and keep it in his pocket or the boot of his scooter. The strangers then took the handkerchief of Shivalingu and asked him for his ornaments. Shivalingu, who removed his gold chain, a gold bracelet and a gold finger ring, gave the same to one of the persons who wrapped them and dropped the handkerchief into the boot of Shivalingu's scooter besides asking him to remove it when he reaches home.

Upon reaching home, Shivalingu took out the kerchief and opened the knot only to find his valuables missing. Learning that he was conned, Shivalingu lodged a complaint with the Police.

V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case in this regard are investigating.

It may be noted here that in all the three incidents, the culprits targeted senior citizens using the same *modus operandi.* Police suspect the same gang behind these incidents.

Tahsildar visits aggrieved woman, assures help

- **Periyapatna woman had written to President seeking mercy killing**
- **Alleges that Police have failed to trace her missing husband**

Sunitha (carrying a baby), the mother of four, seen with Periyapatna Tahsildar Kunhi Mohammad and others.

Periyapatna, Jan. 14 (HDR& BCT)- A team led by Periyapatna Tahsildar Kunhi Mohammad visited the house of a woman who had written to the President of India seeking permission for mercy killing as she was unable to support her family in the absence of her husband who went missing since the last six months.

Thirty-five-year-old Sunitha, from Ravandur near Periyapatna, wife of Sukhlal alias Suresh, had written to the President accusing the Police and authorities of failing to trace her missing husband. Sukhlal has gone missing for months following a financial feud with a retired teacher of the same village.

Sunitha had lodged a complaint with Periyapatna Police on July 9, 2018, stating that her husband Suresh has gone missing after leaving their children to school. Sunitha in her complaint has accused the retired teacher and his associates of cheating her husband to the tune of lakhs of rupees. In her complaint, she also suspected that her husband might have been murdered by the cronies of the retired teacher.

In her letter, Sunitha said that as the Police have failed to trace her missing husband, she was left with no means of livelihood to sustain herself and her four children.

Following the family's plight highlighted in media, Periyapatna Tahsildar and his team visited the family last evening and said that the government was ready to support the family in its time of crisis. Narrating her story to Tahsildar Kunhi Mohammad, Sunitha said that a retired teacher from Boganahalli had conned her husband Suresh and had fraudulently purchased his properties and not paid the money so far.

She alleged that the Police had bowed before money and political power and was not acting on any complaints filed by her nor have they traced her husband. The Tahsildar told Sunitha, everyone had a right to live in a dignified way as enshrined in the Constitution and no one can violate the rights of other people.

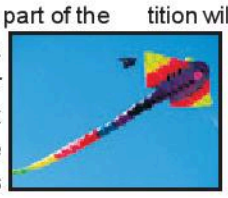
He assured her that the District Administration was with the family and if she felt that the Police were intentionally delaying the probe and favouring the accused after taking bribe, the issue can be brought to the notice of the government by petitioning the higher authorities.

Sunitha was told by the Tahsildar that if anyone harasses the family then legal action will be taken and there were many government schemes that can be made use of to provide education to her children, he said. Even food grains and the health required facilities can be taken care of by the administration, the Tahsildar told Sunitha.

During the meeting, social worker Yajaman P.K. Nagappa alleged that the Police were not investigating the case properly. Jain community leader Nemichand Jain assured that the community would stand as a support to the family. Deputy Tahsildar Sannaramappa, Revenue Inspector Mahesh, Anganwadi teacher Rajamani and others were present.

Kite flying competition on Feb.3

Mysuru, Jan. 14-As part of the week-long Suttur Jatra to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Feb.1 to 6, a kite flying competition has been organised at the Srikshetra on Feb. 3 (Sunday). The competition will be held under four categories — Primary School, High School, College and general public. There will be prizes in each category. For registration and details, call Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Mob: 88849-32916.



Sugarcane lorry overturns

A sugarcane-laden lorry overturned near Varakod Gate yesterday afternoon. Luckily no one was injured in the incident. It may be recalled that a fertilizer-laden lorry collided head-on with a private bus resulting in about 10 passengers in the bus suffering injuries and admitted to various hospitals in city. Now, the sugarcane-laden lorry has overturned at the same spot. No complaint has been registered in this regard so far.

'Winning more LS seats is key to stabilise Coalition Government'

Mysuru, Jan.14 (SBD&DM)- Maintaining that winning more Lok Sabha (LS) seats in the forthcoming general elections is vital for the stability of JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government in the State, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has called upon JD(S) workers to begin preparations for LS polls in right earnest.

Addressing a meeting of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar district party workers organised at SaRa Convention Hall here yesterday to discuss LS polls strategy, HDK said that Congress has been asked to leave either Mysuru-Kodagu or Chamarajanagar (SC) seat to JD(S) and expressed the hope that the ruling alliance will win both the seats.

Asserting that the 2019 LS polls will be a re-run of 1996 Parliamentary elections, when JD(S) won as many as 16 seats and the then CM H.D. Deve Gowda became the Prime Minister, HDK said that the JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda will play a crucial role in the LS polls.

Claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had become nervous upon foreseeing a 1996-like situation, the CM said JD(S) has the capability to stop Modi's run.

Stating that the gathering of a host of Opposition leaders during his swearing-in ceremony at

Vidhana Soudha in May last year was testimony to the Opposition's unity and strength, he said that BJP's downslide had started with his assuming power as the CM.

Pointing out that the national political scenario has changed after an united Opposition defeated BJP in by-polls held across the country and BJP's loss in three Hindi heartland States, HDK reiterated that the NDA was witnessing a downside and would lose in the forthcoming LS polls.

Recalling that he became the CM in 2006 after attending a party workers meeting hosted by G.T. Devegowda at Kalamandira, HDK asked the party workers to gear up for the LS polls.

Meeting on Falcon Tyres

Claiming that the Government had acted promptly during natural disasters and ghastly mishaps, such as Kodagu floods, Kanaganamaradi bus accident and Sulwadi Temple food poisoning tragedy, Kumaraswamy, referring to the sick Falcon Tyres, said that it was the responsibility of his Government to save 2,000 employees of their livelihood.

Announcing that he will hold a meeting on survival of Falcon Tyres on Jan.22, the CM said that the meeting will take a decisive action on providing appropriate relief to the employees.

The Government has proposed to set up a Garments Park at Chamarajanagar, where industries will be provided with all necessary infrastructure and benefits, he added.

Appointment to Boards and Corporations

Referring to appointment of JD(S) leaders to Boards and Corporations, he said that he has asked the district JD(S) President to submit a list in this regard.

BJP's deadline not new

Reacting to speculations that the Coalition Government may fall after Sankranti, Kumaraswamy sarcastically said that such a deadline by the BJP was not new and many of them has failed earlier.

Dismissing speculations of the Coalition Government's imminent collapse as baseless, the CM asserted that he was not at all bothered by the BJP's moves to destabilise his Government and added that he would go on with his job as usual.

JD(S) State President A.H. Vishwanath, Ministers S.R. Mahesh and G.T. Devegowda, MLCs Marithibbegowda, Appaji Gowda, K.T. Srikantegowda and Bhojeogowda, MLA Ashwin Kumar, ZP Acting President S.R. Nandeesh, leaders Prof. K.S. Rangappa, G.D. Harish Gowda, K.T. Cheluvegowda, Narasimhaswamy and others were present.

BJP to topple coalition Government after Sankranti?

Bengaluru, Jan.14 (ACP&DM)- With the LS polls just a couple of months away, the BJP is said to have devised a strategy to topple the ruling JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government after Sankranti.

Setting in motion its famous 'Operation Lotus' strategy, BJP is said to have lured six Congress MLAs and five more are likely to jump ship, according to sources.

The BJP top brass, which seems to be hell-bent on toppling the Coalition Government, has begun the 'Operation Topple' from New Delhi, it is learnt.

Congress MLAs likely to switch camp are B. Nagendra (Ballari), Anand Singh (Vijayanagara-Hospet), Shivarm Hebbar (Yellapur), Pratap Gouda Patil (Maski), G.N. Ganesh (Kampli) and R. Shankar (independent MLA from Ranebennur who was dropped from the Cabinet last month). These Legislators are said to have arrived in Delhi a couple of days ago and five more are said to join them after Sankranti, sources said. All Legislators are said to leave for Mumbai in a day or two after meeting BJP National President Amit Shah and PM Narendra Modi at Delhi. Upon reaching Mumbai, they will be housed at a resort near Mumbai and Malleswaram.BJP MLA C.N. Ashwathnarayan has been entrusted with the task of ensuring their safety, sources said.

BJP has set deadline: DKS

Even as the BJP is allegedly making consistent efforts to topple the Coalition Government, Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) has alleged that the BJP has set Sankranti Festival deadline for the State Government to collapse.

Speaking to presspersons at Bengaluru yesterday, Shivakumar alleged that three Congress MLAs had left for Delhi.

Claiming that the Congress would not keep silently watching the BJP's moves, Shivakumar said that the Congress was very much aware of the BJP's moves. Maintaining that three Congress Legislators were camping in Mumbai to meet top BJP leaders, Shivakumar accused the BJP of horse-trading.

Asserting that Chief Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy and former CM Siddaramaiah were in the know of the BJP's moves, Shivakumar said that only three Congress MLAs are suspected to have established links with the BJP. Declaring that he would do everything to stop 'Operation Lotus,' the Minister said that he would not be a silent spectator to the BJP's game plan and would do all to save the Coalition Government and also expose the BJP.

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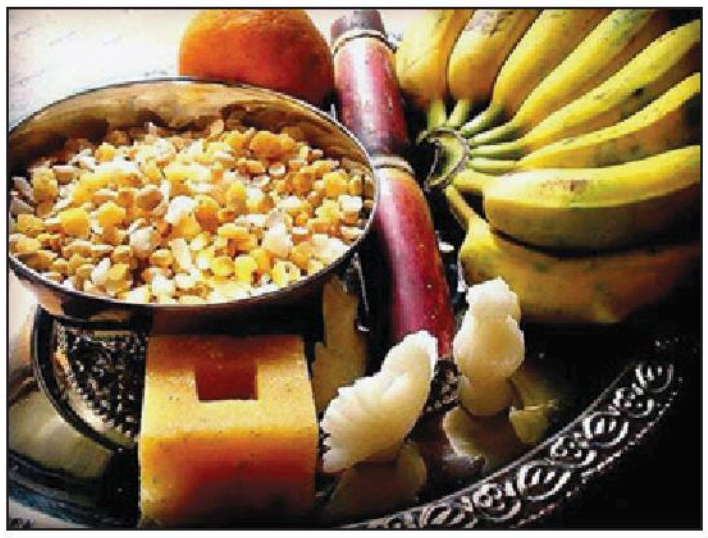
The significance of Makara Sankranti



Makara Sankranti also called 'Uttarayana Punyakala' is an important festival celebrated by Hindus. It is based on astronomical calculations in theory and is celebrated with unique practices. Beginning from 'Makara Raashi', the Sun travels (it is earth that rotates, Sun is a static star) from South to North.

According to ancient tradition, this happens from Jan. 13 or 14 and ends on July 16 or 17 every year. This also heralds the end of Dakshinayana and commencement of Uttarayana. Thus it is an astronomical phenomenon but those who believe in Vedic practices consider this as an auspicious occasion and perform 'tarpana' (oblation to ancestors) through water and also repeat the 'Gayathri Mantra' and Surya Mantra.

It is believed that by doing so, people will get salvation (Moksha) in the next world and all happiness to themselves and to sons, grandsons and daughters. I remember my father was performing 'tarpana' and 'Gayathri Mantra Japa' for two or three hours. But these days younger generation dismisses this phenomenon as purely astronomical and hence no special significance should be attached.

However, these are individual beliefs and practices and should be left to individuals. Some persons or temples arrange a chariot procession of Sun drawn by seven horses. They consider this as a holy event in favour of Sun.

This is also called Makara Sankranti Punyakala and believers perform Vedic 'Japas' and 'Parayana'. Thus it is celebrated in a variety of ways but the main purpose is to worship Sun. We worship Sun for giving us food and also thank him in anticipation of good things.

Sun will complete one round in 365.24 days and this is referred to as a Samvatsara or year. This has two parts. He moves towards North from Dec. 22 to June 21. This is called Uttarayana or northward movement. From June 21 up to Dec. 22 Sun moves southward and this is called Dakshinayana.

According to Panchanga, predictions of good and bad are made. As this year Sun enters into Mesha Raashi on Jan. 15 prices of all commodities go up. In addition to this there is a fear of war. Mahabharata has some interesting details regarding Makara Sankranti.

The doors of heaven will be thrown open on the day of Makara Sankranti. The grand old wise man Bhishma did not like to cast off his body and waited for Makara Sankranti to do so.

He had a gift that he could die whenever he wanted. He retired on the bed of arrows and waited for the start of Uttarayana and once that day was set in, he cast off his physical body and went to heaven. However, this was possible for great men like Bhishmacharya and this may not be possible now a days.

Now coming back to Makara Sankranti day, children are made to sit on a wooden plank and parents or neighbours pour Elachi fruit (Ber or the Indian Jujube Tree) on their heads. It is believed that by doing so, bad effects of Makara Sankranti are warded off.

Another important custom is the distribution of Ellu (sesame seeds) to friends and relatives. Ellu is the symbol of Saturn or Shani and people are afraid of the problems created by Shani which normally will prevail for seven years. Hence it is prescribed in astrology to give Ellu and satisfy Shani and also ward off his evil effects.

Generally, even the Vedic Brahmins are afraid of taking gift of Ellu and hence priest tells us to keep the Dakshina in double quantity. If Sun, Moon, Brihaspati are given Rs. 10 as Dakshina, Shani should be given double the amount.

People do not take sesame seeds and hence to mitigate the bad effects of Saturn, people mix it with groundnut pieces, dried coconut, jaggery pieces and Chickpea. This to a large extent minimises the effect of Ellu and people accept them.

Earlier, the Ellu-bella preparations were made at homes but now we buy them from shops. In addition to the Ellu, people give sugar candy in different shapes, sugarcane piece and plantain. The candies are made in different shapes. These too were prepared at homes earlier with the help of wooden moulds. I doubt whether there are women who can prepare them now.

Though the practices are different, the main purpose is to distribute and then eat it. The festival is called Pongal because the preparation should spill over the vessel and hence it is also called Pongal festival. Then some people observe Kanu festival also.

Actually it is harvest festival and thanksgiving is the main purpose of celebrating it by farmers. We all celebrate this festival to keep our tradition. There is also a proverb which states 'eat Ellu and speak good words' (Elluthinduollematanadu).

Ph.D Awardees

Mysuru, Jan.14- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Anthropology to **M.P. Bhadraiah** for his thesis titled 'Manavashastriya Drushtikondalli Karnatakada Yeradu Jilegala Kumbara Samudayada Kulavarnana Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shaik Abdul Azeez Saheb.

L. Jeevan has been awarded Ph.D in Earth Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Application of Hypersectral Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques for Mapping of Hydrothermal Alteration Zones of Precambrian Rocks in Parts of Chitradurga Schist Belt, Dharwar Craton, India' [Guide: Dr. H.T. Basavarajappa].

B. Chandana has been awarded Ph.D in English by the UoM for her thesis 'Afro-American History, Potential and Struggle in the Selected Plays of August Wilson' [Guide: Dr. Mahadeva].

H.A. Swarup has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Synthetic Applications of Iodine/ DMSO, T3P and Dithioesters in Heterocycles' [Guide: Dr. K. Mantelingu].

T.M. Pavitha has been awarded Ph.D in Women's Studies by the UoM for her thesis 'Mysuru mattu Chamarajanagar Jilleya Mahila Pourakarmika Samajika mattu Arthika Stigatigala Kuritu - Sthreevadi Neleya Ondu Taulanika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. S.M. Mangala].

K.B. Harsha has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis 'Novel Approach for the Synthesis of Heterocycles via C-H Functionalisation and Oxidation - Condensation Reactions and their Biological Interest' [Guide: Dr. K.S. Rangappa].

M. Mamatha has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration by the UoM for her thesis 'Stress Test and Scenario Analysis - A Study of Selected Urban Co-operative Banks' [Guide: Dr. B. Shivaraj].

Bindu S. Rao has been awarded Ph.D in Dance by the UoM for her thesis 'An Alternative Study into Bharatanatya Origins to Debunk its Inheritance from Sadir Nautch' [Guide: Dr. K. Kumar].

N. Sandeep has been awarded Ph.D in Agri-Business by the UoM for his thesis 'Value Chain Analysis of Mango in Karnataka: A Study in Kolar and Ramanagara Districts' [Guide: Dr. H.M. Chandrashekar].

Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, has awarded Ph.D in Hindi to **Srilalitha** for her thesis 'Himamshu Joshi Ki Kahaniyon ka anusheelan' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Amarjyothi.

Participants of Trekking Expeditions

Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Cadets K.C. Raghu, Kruthin U. Kashyap, Panya Chakku and Tswang Dorjey Revato along with** (sitting from left) **ANO of NCC Air Wing Flying Officer Dr. P.G. Pushparani, CEO and Academic Advisor Dr. S.R. Ramesh, Principal Dr. S. Venkataramu and Corporal Rikesh Kumar of 4 Kar Air Sqn NCC, Mysuru.

Mysuru, Jan.14- NCC Air Wing Cadets of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, of the Karnataka and Goa NCC Directorate, took part in All India Trekking Expeditions held recently. Cadets **K.C. Raghu** and **Kruthin U. Kashyap** took part in the expedition at NCC Nagar, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

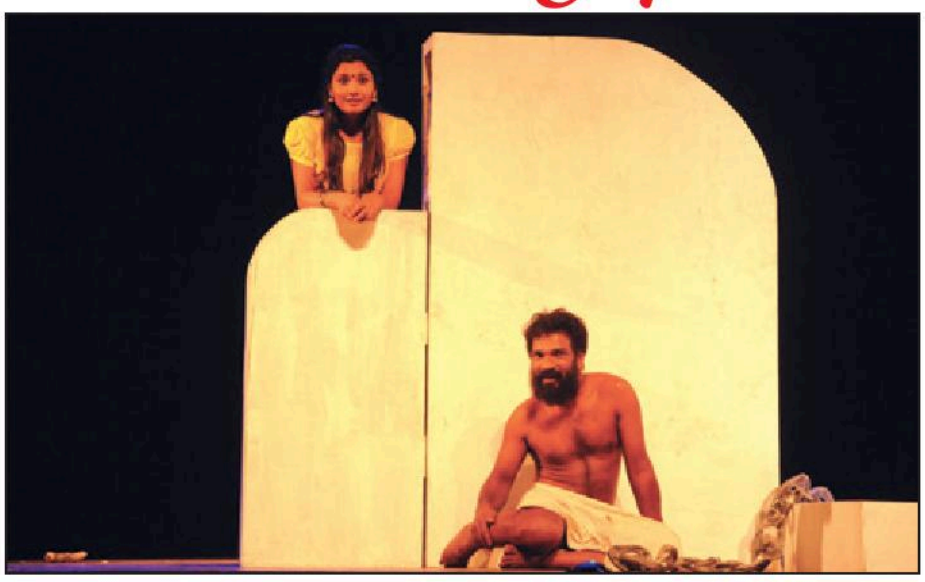
Two other Cadets **Panya Chakku** and **Tswang Dorjey Revato** took part in the trekking expedition at Belagavi.

Around 500 Cadets took part in each of the expeditions.

Bahuroopi Theatre Festival - 2019

Overwhelming response on weekend

Theatre buffs enjoy plays; Foodies relish mouth-watering eatables at Rangayana



Mysuru, Jan.14 (YDS&SR)- The stage plays and film shows, organised as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, received wide appreciation from audience on weekend yesterday.

The Marathi play 'Eka Dhotarachi Goshta' staged at Kiru Rangamandira, Kannada's 'Sri Devi Mahatme' at Bhoomigeeta, Tamil play '1084's Mother' and Malayalam's 'Mahasagaram' at Kalamandira received good response.

'Eka Dhotarachi Goshta' directed by Dr. Milind Inamdar depicted about the mob lynching violence and importance of freedom of speech and expression. In this play, the artistes made efforts to sensitise the audience through comedy.

'Sri Devi Mahatme' directed by N. Mangala focuses on the life of apartment culture and corporate world. This play revolves around the life of software professional Vijay and domestic helper Sridevi who comes from Chittur village to work in Vijay's luxury apartment at Bengaluru.

Vijay who lost his life in the corporate world, finds new happiness after the entry of Sridevi. The story hovers between Sridevi's simplicity, innocence and Vijay's apartment life.

The other play 'Mahasagaram' directed by Prashanth Narayanan throws light on the family, social structure, practises and current developments of Kerala State. The play is based on 12 short stories written by M.T. Vasudevan Nayar.

Film Shows

The film 'No More Boys and Girls - Can Our Kids Go Gender Free' directed by Samuel Palmer, 'Feminists; What are They Thinking?' directed by Johanna Demetrakas and 'Dogvillie' directed by Lars Von Trier were also enjoyed by the people.

Cultural events at Kindari Jogi

At Kirandari Jogi premises, the Veeraghase performance by Women artistes of Chikagamaglur and professional theatre songs sung by theatre artistes Hulikal Nagaraju, Shanthakumar, Dr. G. Sheela Naidu and L.M. Shwetha also received huge round of applause.

Parking facility

As it was a weekend, huge number of people witnessed the event yesterday and vehicle parking facilities were provided on both sides of Hunsur Road till Bogadi junction.

Food to tickle the taste buds

Foodies enjoyed variety of mouth-watering dishes, snacks and sweets.

Masale Dose, Churumuri, Holige, Bagalakote special Jolada Rotti-Ennagai Palya, Girmittu, Mirchi Bajji, Sabbakki Vade, Davanagere Benne Dose, Ramanna and Sons Churumuri, Datta Special Kobbari Mittai & Mavinkai, Masale Nippittu and Jain Special Baby Corn Masale were the major attractions at the Food Fest which was part of Bahuroopi.

Pelican deaths at Kokkare Bellur

Experts from Delhi collect water samples

Bharathinagar (Mandya District), Jan. 14 (Satish&BCT)- With the mysterious deaths of migratory Spot-Billed Pelican continuing to haunt Kokkare Bellur on the banks of River Shimsha in Mandya district, Forest Department officials have sought the help from New Delhi-based Ornithologists and conservation experts.

What is bothering the Department is that the exact cause of pelican deaths has not been determined so far though samples were sent to various laboratories since the last two years that saw many bird deaths. Unless the cause is determined, the department cannot take any remedial measures.

On Saturday (Jan. 12), a team from New Delhi visited Kokkare Bellur and collected samples from the lake and also from nine other lakes in the surroundings where the birds nest and breed. Anuj Mishra from Eco-Analaytica Laboratory, researcher Akshita from Wildlife Institute of India, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Project Manager M.M. Bhupaiah and Forest Department Officer Lokesh visited the lakes and collected samples.

pH value of water measured

The team visited Shimsha River, Gurudevarahallikere, Soolekere, Madarahallikere, Garakahallikere, Maddurkere, Thailurkere, and Koodlurukere, Malurkere and Sullerikere and collected water samples. They measured the pH value of the water on the banks of the respective lakes and found that many lakes were polluted and had high chemical content.

Speaking to reporters, WWF Project Manager Bhupaiah said that one of the reasons for pelican deaths was water pollution as water in some of the lakes was not fit for consumption either by humans or by birds. Along with samples of water, samples of food were collected from the nearby areas and ponds to ascertain the cause of death.

Cause of death

Villagers and Forest Department officials told the conservationists that though many laboratories have tested water samples, they were unable to pin-point the exact cause of the deaths. Studies by the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Bengaluru have ruled out the possibility of bird flu affecting the pelicans.

The institute's reports stated that the birds died because of verminous petechial haemorrhage. Verminous petechial haemorrhage is a condition where birds die from bleeding owing to the overload of worms in their stomach.

94 pelicans die

The series of avian deaths triggered panic among bird lovers and deaths have been occurring since 2016-2017. During 2016-2017, 8 pelicans died at Kokkare Bellur while in 2017-2018, 75 birds have died and in 2018-19, 11 birds were found dead.

Initially, it was suspected that virus had attacked the pelicans and the Forest Department took measures to eradicate the virus. Still, the deaths have continued, villagers told the experts. Villagers also attribute the death of Pelicans due to the harmful rays emitted from several mobile towers in and around the village. They also say that indiscriminate cutting of trees have resulted in disproportionate number of trees when compared to the birds that roost on them.

Officials hold meeting

Meanwhile, Maddur Tahsildar Geetha and other officials held a meeting on Saturday with villagers and discussed the measures to be taken to prevent pelican deaths at Kokkare Bellur. The team also visited the lake and the Tahsildar directed the officials to take immediate measures to tackle the deaths.

Villagers told the officers that gallons of polluted water were flowing daily into Shimsha River and the water is consumed by the pelicans. Villagers also alleged that timber mafia had destroyed many trees and this was harming the bird habitats. The Tahsildar directed the Forest officials to take measures to mitigate the bad effects of deforestation.

Passing Out Parade

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Over 3,000 family members and relatives of the Probationary officers were present. Apart from the attractive march past, Brass Band by KSRP 5th Battalion, Mysuru, Pipe Band by KSRP 1st Battalion, Bengaluru, Brass Band by CAR, Mysuru, English Band, KARP, Mysuru and Band performance by DAR, Mysuru were the other attractions.

Addressing the probationers, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that it was the second time that he participated in a Passing out Parade at KPA. He called upon the PSIs to protect the lives and properties. "Help safeguard the health of the society and don't succumb to any political or financial pressure. Don't lobby for plum postings and be a role model in the society," he said.

KPA Director Vipul Kumar administered the oaths to the Probationers. Home Minister M.B. Patil, Director General and Inspector General of Police Neelamani N. Raju, DGP (Training) Padam Kumar Garg, IGP (Training) S. Ravi, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao and others were present.

Live webcast for first time

For the first time in the history of KPA, the passing out parade was web-streamed live so that the event could be watched from the comforts of homes. Speaking to *Stat of Mysore*, KPA Director Vipul Kumar said that it was for the first time in the history of the KPA, such live web-streaming was organised.

"The web-streaming was a success and henceforth, we will do it for every passing out parade," he said. KPA has a dedicated website and it is also exploring technology. Earlier, tutorials with audio and video contents, animations and texts were introduced and now, technology is being adopted, he added.

Wide-range training

The trainees have undergone a wide variety of training so that it would be easy for them to face real-life situations. Apart from activities including literary clubs, current affairs club, social service club, law club, sports and adventure club, cultural and computer clubs and film and photography club, the trainees have had many practical exposures on handling situations in a natural disaster.

They were taken to flood-and-landslide-ravaged Kodagu and were made a part of relief and rescue operations. They were also taken to places including Malnad and Karkala to learn the operations of Anti-Naxal Force.

Apart from training the probationers from within the State, the KPA also has the credit of training Police personnel from Maldives and Bhutan in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development and the Ministry of External Affairs.

Home Minister M.B. Patil presenting the Best Woman All-rounder trophy to G. Shruthi

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Law Cup	Prakash Kanajere

Students protest against UoM's CBCS scheme, seek clarity

Mysuru, Jan.14 (MTY&DM)- Hundreds of students under the banner of Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishat (ABVP) staged a demonstration in front of Crawford Hall here this morning seeking clarity from the University on the newly-introduced (2018-19) CBCS (Choice Based Credit System) scheme in the first grade colleges coming under the University of Mysore (UoM).

Claiming that the CBCS was introduced without proper preparations and that even College Principals and faculty were confused over the scheme, the students alleged that there were grave discrepancies and lapses in evaluation of answer scripts, which has badly affected thousands of students.

Maintaining that revaluation charges of Rs. 1,100 per paper and Rs. 600 fee for single photo-stat copy of answer scripts were too high, the protesters demanded a steep cut in the charges stipulated by the University.

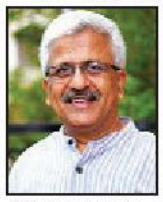
Alleging that the evaluation of answer scripts had gone haywire, the students wanted to know how the marks or grade was awarded under the scheme.

Pointing out that many merit students were declared failed while poor performing students had secured high marks, the protesters accused the University authorities of serious lapses in evaluation which had resulted in a mess.

They urged the University authorities to cut down revaluation fee, address technical faults in the declaration of results, involvement of all stakeholders in continuation of the scheme and a credible evaluation of answer scripts so that no student suffers from any lapses.

ABVP City Secretary Goutham, office-bearers Mohan, Sunil, Shashidar and others took part.

Dr. Balasubramaniam to speak in Berlin



Balasubramaniam

Mysuru, Jan.14- Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder and Chairman of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement, will be delivering a talk at the international seminar organised by the Indian Consulate at Berlin, Germany and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). He will be speaking on 'Good Governance - How Innovative Approaches can really make a difference: The Indian Experience' on Jan.16.

He will be representing the country in this seminar and is also expected to speak on the same subject in a similar seminar in London next month.

Farmer commits suicide

Ashwath

Hunsur, Jan.14 (Raghu&KS)- A 42-year-old farmer of Honnenahalli, Hanagod taluk in Hunsur, who had attempted suicide by consuming pesticides at his field on Saturday as he was unable to repay the loans taken from various Banks and private finance firms, breathed his last at K.R. Hospital in Mysuru yesterday.

The deceased farmer is Ashwath, son of Venkatesh Gowda.

Ashwath, who owned about 3.30 acre agriculture land in the village, had reportedly taken Rs.6 lakh loan from Indian Overseas Bank, Rs.29,000 from Ujjivan Finance, Rs.30,000 each from Dhanalakshmi Finance and Syndicate Bank and more than Rs.3 lakh from private financiers to grow tobacco, according to family members.

But due to crop loss and finding no other way to repay loans, Ashwath allegedly consumed pesticides in his field on Saturday. Ashwath's wife Suma and his father, who saw Ashwath writhing in pain, rushed him to Hunsur General Hospital and later shifted him to K.R. Hospital, where Ashwath died at about 3.30 am on Sunday. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to his family members. Based on the complaint lodged by Suma, Hunsur Rural Police have registered a case in this regard.

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Makara Sankranti: Markets, shops abuzz with buyers

Mysuru, Jan.14 (RK&SR)- People thronged markets across the city and in residential areas this morning to shop for *Makara Sankranti* festival that will be celebrated tomorrow.

The Devaraja Market witnessed heavy rush as large number of people flooded the market to buy vegetables, fruits, flowers, jaggery, puja materials, sugar candy and yellu-bella, a special mixture of sesame seeds and jaggery which is mixed along with groundnut and coconut before offering it to near and dear ones.

Shivarampet, Santhepet, Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Road were swarmed by people to purchase of groceries, new clothes, electronic goods and others items.

Cashing in on the festive fervour, the shopping malls, showrooms, jewellers and provision store owners attracted the customers by offering special discounts on the occasion.

Sugarcane stalks, banana stem, flowers, colour vendors did brisk business at Chamundipuram, J.P. Nagar, Mathrumandali Circle, Shanthisagar Circle in Kuvempunagar, Vivekanandanagar Circle, Surya Bakery Circle in Vijayanagar, Gayathripuram Circle, Siddarthanagar, Agrahara Circle, Nanjumalige Circle, Dr. Rajkumar Road, APMC Yard, Nanjangud Road, Srirampura Junction, Hinkal and other important junctions in city. The management of various temples were seen making last minute preparations to receive devotees in large numbers tomorrow.

In Siddalingapura and other adjoining villages of Mysuru, villagers were preparing to make their cattle walk on fire *(kichu hayisuvudu)* as part of the ritual. Farmers believe that crossing the wall of fire as part of *Makara Sankranti* celebrations bring good luck.

In loving memory of Amma and Ammumma
Maheswari Amma G

To live inside the hearts of those you love
Is not to die
To love you every day that you are gone
Is not goodbye

To live inside the hearts of those you love
No matter when or where
To see you, we only have to close our eyes
And then you'll be there

You give us all your love
And give us all you have to give
You are inside the hearts of those you love
And so you live

Mysore –

Maheswari Amma G, 74, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2018, in Mysore.

She was born on February 18, 1944, into the Kaliyilpura family, Chirayinkeezhu, the daughter of late Padmanabha Pillai and Gowrikutty Amma. On May 1, 1958, she married S Gopinathan Nair of Kizhuvilam who predeceased her. She was his wife and partner for 52 years until his passing on August 17, 2010.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her sons and daughters-in-law, Vilas and Letha, Salil and Rupa, Kamal and Shailaja, and Sushil and Sindhu, survive her. She is also survived by granddaughters and grandsons-in-law Suparna and Alan, Vidya and Rakesh, Asmita and Rishab and Pooja and Manu, grandsons Vinay, Tejus and Abhishek (Unni), and great-grandson Aadwik.

She was predeceased by her brothers Muralidharan Nair and Ravindran Nair and is survived by her brothers Manikandan Nair, Sreekumaran Nair and Madhusudanan Nair and her sisters Lalitha Kumari and Anandavalli.

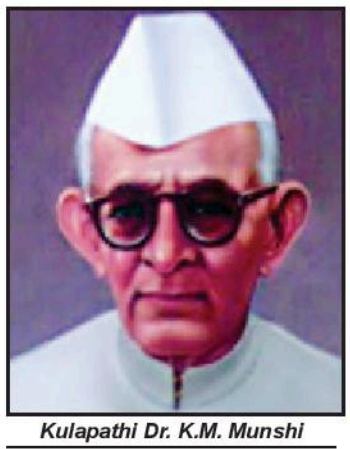
Obsequies will conclude at 11:00am on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Shanthi Nivas, Chirayinkeezhu, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Bhavanotsava and birth anniversary celebrations of BVB Founder

Mysuru, Jan. 14-Bhavanotsava, a two-day festival of music, dance and performing arts will be held on Jan. 19 and 20 (Saturday and Sunday) to commemorate the 131st birth anniversary of Kulapathi Dr. K.M. Munshi, Founder-President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) .

Vidushi Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Director of Surabhi Gana Kalamandira, will inaugurate the event. N. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest. Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, Chairman, BVB, Mysuru, will preside.

The events include: Bharatanatyam by Vidu. P.K. Nagalakshmi and her team on the inaugural day (Jan. 19) and Hindustani Music by Sharadha Bhat Kattige and team comprising Vid. Sriram Bhat on harmonium and Vid. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla (Jan. 20). This apart there will be other music and dance features by the students of BVB's Kalabharathi Wing from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.



Kulapathi Dr. K.M. Munshi

Profile of artistes

Vidushi P.K. Nagalakshmi is a well-known Bharatanatyam performer, choreographer and teacher in Mysuru. Her initial learning of Bharatanatyam started at the age of ten under the able guidance of Guru Vidu. Vasantha Lakshmi of Bengaluru and completed her Vidwat exam in first class. After moving to Mysuru, she started advanced training in Dance, Yoga and Choreography under Vidu. Dr. Vasundhara Doreswamy.

She completed her M.A. in Bharatanatyam under the guidance of Vidu. Chethana Radhakrishna and Vidu. Radhika Nandakumar. She had Yoga training from Guru Sudesh Chandra of Mysuru for over a decade.

An Engineer, she started her career in a software company at Bengaluru. Now she is an entrepreneur and runs a Preschool, Kindergarten, Daycare and Activity Centre, Champaka Academy where she also teaches Bharatanatyam.

She is a recipient of scholarship awarded by Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and has participated in solo and group performances with her Gurus in many cultural festivals.

Vidushi Sharada Bhat Kattige has done her MA in Music and Vidwat in Hindustani Classical Vocal. Her father Pandit Subramanya Bhat Kattige, Honnavar, was her first Guru and motivator. She has been quenching her thirst for Music from various stalwarts in the field such as Pandit Shadakshari Gawai (late), Pandit Chandrashekar Puranikmath (late) of Dharwad, Pandit Parameshwara Hegde of Bengaluru, Pandit Indudhar Nirodi of Mysuru and Pandit SCR Bhat (late) of Mumbai. This apart she is also trained for light classical Music under Pandit Vasanth Kanakapur (late) of Dharwad. She is regularly performing in various prestigious Sabhas and festivals across the country.

Vidu.Nagalakshmi

Vidu. Sharada Bhat

Cultural contests by Kodagu Mahila Sangha on Jan. 20

Mysuru Jan. 14- Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha has organised various cultural competitions like Dance, Drawing, Singing, Kodava Paat and Pick-and-Speak at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram here on Jan.20 from 10.30 am.

Chendrimada Sushila Subramani will be the chief guest.

Moovera Bollamma Kuttappa, President, Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, will be preside.

Sangha members and their children interested in taking part in the contests may contact Bollamma Kuttappa on Mob: 99012-39798 or Nirmala Subramani on Mob: 94487-53767 or Shanthi Kuttappa on Mob: 94498-29143, according to a press release.

Plays 'Kurukshetra' and 'Tipu Sultan' staged

DURYODHANA DURBAR SCENE: Duryodhana (Manjula Raj - second from left) expressing his viewpoint as others — Sowbala Raja Shakuni (Dr. N.N. Prahallada), Karna (Shivamani) and Dushyasana (Kanaka) — listen anxiously while Lord Krishna (Nirmala - second from right) smiles at it.

Mysuru, Jan.14- Annapoorneshwari Kala Sangha, Mysuru, in collaboration with the Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru, staged the play 'Kurukshetra' to the packed audience at Sri Basaveshwara Temple premises in Allanahalli here recently.

The play was directed by two famous singers of Mysuru — Radha and Shantha. The following artistes enacted the play: Nirmala (Lord Krishna), Manjula Raj (Duryodhana), Kanaka (Dushyasana), Dodda Leela (Bhima), Shivamani (Karna and Arjuna), Dodda Rekha (Vidhura), Jyothi (Rukmini), Radha (Draupadi), Shantha (Sathyabhama) and Dr. N.N. Prahallada (Sowbala Raja Shakuni). Dress and make-up was by Kyathamaranahalli Nagaraj; Music by Karnataka Nataka Academy Awardee Kiragasoor Rajappa; Tabla by Jayaramanna and clarinet by D. Ramu.

Kotarotsava concludes with Goshti Gayana

'Kotarotsava Vaibhava - Sangeethotsava' at Chamundi Hill Temple concluded with a Goshti Gayana last evening. Seen are vocalists Vid. R. Raghu, Vid. Prasad, Anusha Bant, Ranjitha, Likhith and Niranjan, accompanied by Vid. Chethan on violin, Vid. P. Nagaraju on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Mohan on morching.

Play 'Tipu Sultan'

TIPU SULTAN DURBAR: On demand from Lord Cornwallis, Tipu Sultan hands over his two children to the British. Tipu Sultan** (extreme right) **raises his two hands in sorrow before handing over his two sons to the British. Others seen are** (from left) **Lord Cornwallis, Mir Sadique, Poornaiah, Jayanthi and Tipu's children.

Sri Nanjundeshwara Kannada Kala Sangha, Mysuru, staged the historic drama *'Tipu Sultan'* at Ayyappa Swamy Temple premises in Nanjangud recently as part of Drama Festival organised by Ayyappa Swamy Temple authorities. The drama was directed by stage artiste Shiva Swamy of Mysuru.

The following artistes enacted the play: Shiva Swamy (Tipu Sultan), Dr. N.N. Prahallada (Lord Cornwallis), CFTRI Nagendra (Poornaiah), H.Y. Rajeshwar (Tirumala Chetty), Anantha (Mir Sadique), Manjula Raj (Jayanthi), Suresh (Pramukha), Panchalingaiah (Abdul Gafar), Arjun and Rishikesh (Tipu sons), Mary (dancer), Mahadeva (Lord Venkateshwara) and S. Jayashankar (farmer).

Costume and make-up was by Murthy and Shivanna. Music was scored by Alex and Naganna.

MDAA to conduct State

Youth Athletics Meet on Feb.2, 3

Mysuru, Jan.14- The Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA) will be conducting the Karnataka State Youth Athletics Meet at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Feb.2 and 3.

This Championship will serve as the selection trials for the National Youth Athletic Championship to be held at Raipur in Chattisgarh from Feb.19-21. Entries can be sent to *karathletic@gmail.com*

For details, contact Srikanth on Mob: 94484-02048 or 97318-08008.

City golfer for Asian tour

Mysuru girl Pranavi S. Urs seen receiving the Overall Championship and U-16 Girls title in the Nick Faldo Series U-21 Asian Tour Qualifying Golf Tournament held at J.P. Greens, Noida from Jan.9 to 12, from the guests. She will now represent India in the Faldo Series Asia finals in Vietnam.

Wins medals in Karate

Afsheen Fariya

Mysuru, Jan.14- Afsheen Fariya, a first standard student of St. Joseph's School, bagged Silver in Individual Kumite and Bronze in Individual Kata in U-6 Girls category at the 18th Open National Karate Championship-2019 organised by Okinawa Karate-Do Shorin Ryu Shorin Kai Association India recently at Hasanamba Indoor Stadium in Hassan. She is the daughter of Ghousia Tabeen and Mohammed Mansoor Ahmed.

Chamarajanagar Open Chess Tourney

Raju Prasad triumphs

Mysuru, Jan.14- Nanjangud boy R. Raju Prasad with 6.5 points from seven rounds clinched the title in the Chamarajanagar Open Chess Tournament conducted by the Chamarajanagar Chess Club at Nandhi Bhavana in Chamarajanagar on Sunday.

Final Placings — 1. R. Raju Prasad (6.5), **2.** Nimish (6-30.5), **3.** N. Adithya (6-29.5), **4.** Shreyas K. Patil (6-27), **5.** R. Hruthvik (5.5-30), **6.** R. Ashwath Ram (5.5-27), **7.** N.C. Gambhir (5-32.5), **8.** Nivaan Raghavendra (5-32), **9.** Sunidhi S. Katti (5-31), **10.** M.N. Spurthi (5-30).

Football: Facile win for Royal FC

Mysuru, Jan.14- Royal FC registered a facile 4-2 win over Lion FC in the MDFA 'B' Division Football League (2018-19) for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Sunday.

SCORES

Royal FC: 4 (Abhilash 5, Thejas 34, Sankeeth Shivu (40th-self goal), Arjun 45) bt **Lion FC:** 2 (Jathin 50, Adarsh 53).

Saturday's Match — Ganesha FC: 2 (Chandan 28, Ajay 48) bt **Soniya FC:** 0.

Friday's Matches — KSRTC FC: 2 (Prajwal 9, Sharan 30) bt **Govt. Text Book Press FC:** 0; **Mysore Muslims FC:** 1 (Muddasir 13) bt **KR Mill FC:** 0.

AFC Asian Cup - 2019

India in pursuit of history

A win against Bahrain would guarantee a historic knockout spot for India

Talismanic skipper Sunil Chhetri will equal former captain Bhaichung Bhutia's record of highest appearances for the country at 107 each.

Sharjah, Jan.14- A heart-breaking loss after a stunning win denting their confidence, India will still be fired up by the prospect of a maiden knock-out round berth when they take on Bahrain in their final Asian Cup group league match here tonight **(9.30 pm IST)**.

A draw against the West Asian side, currently ranked 113, will be enough for India (ranked 97) to qualify for the round of 16 for the first time in the continent's showpiece event after failed attempts in 1984 and 2011.

Monday's match at the Sharjah Stadium, which may turn out to be the biggest night of Indian football after its achievements during the Golden Years (1951 to 64), is also significant as talismanic skipper Sunil Chhetri will equal former captain Bhaichung Bhutia's record of highest appearances for the country at 107 each.

India had finished runners-up in the 1964 edition in Israel but that tournament was played in a round-robin format comprising four countries with the winners being decided on the basis of points collected in the league. There was not a single knock-out match in that edition.

But even a defeat on Monday may still see India (3 points from 2 matches) through to the knock-out rounds as one of the four third-placed teams if hosts United Arab Emirates (4 from 2 matches) beat Thailand (3 from 2 matches) in Al Ain in the other Group A match to be played simultaneously.

Four third-placed sides from the six groups of four team each will also advance to the knock-out rounds, along with the top two countries.

Under the competition rules of the Asian Cup, if two teams end their group stage engagements on equal points, the ranking will be decided first on the basis of head to head result.

AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019

TODAY'S MATCHES (IST)

UAE Vs Thailand	9.30 pm
India Vs Bahrain	9.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Palestine Vs Jordan	7.00 pm
Australia Vs Syria	7.00 pm

YESTERDAYS' RESULTS

Qatar 6 beat North Korea 0
Japan 1 beat Oman 0
Uzbekistan 4 beat Turkmenistan 0

Inter-School Sports Meet held

Mysuru, Jan.14- Kodagu Model School, Sathagalli, hosted an Inter-School Sports Meet recently. The Meet was inaugurated by Deena Uttappa, Vice-Principal of PPS and International Volleyball Player H.N. Hemalatha.

The Meet was organised to inculcate sportsmanship in the young minds. Many Schools such as GSSS - Siddarthanagar, St. Paul's - Yaraganahalli, Government HPS - Yaraganahalli, Viveku Vidyalaya - Alanahalli and Shashwatha Seva Samsthe participated in Throwball and Kho-Kho. In both the events, GSSS emerged winners and Kodagu Model School secured second place.

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GTD holds public contact programme in Chamundeshwari Constituency

Mysuru, Jan.14 (RKB&DM)- Taking a cue from coalition government's ambitious initiative of taking the government to the doorsteps of people, District in-charge Minister and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) embarked on a day-long public contact programme in his assembly segment last Friday.

At first, GTD toured several villages coming under Yelwal constituency, including Shettanayakanahalli, Manikyapura, Kamaralli, Doddamaragowdanahalli, Marayanahundi and Nuggahalli.

At Shettanayakanahalli, the Minister laid the foundation stone for a library building costing Rs.9 lakh and for an anganawadi building estimated to cost Rs. 6 lakh.

At Kattehundi, he laid the foundation stone for library building costing Rs.9 lakh and at Nuggahalli, GTD laid the foundation stone for a school building and performed guddali puja (ground breaking ceremony) for the Rs. 8 crore Nuggahalli-DMG Halli Road project.

He also visited the Anganwadi centre Nuggahalli and enquired about the quality of food served to children under mid-day meal scheme. Upon Learning that the Anganwadi had no toilet, the Minister directed the PDO to construct one immediately.

As he toured the villages, the Minister received complaints from some Dalit colonies that CESC personnel were demanding money for installation of meters.

The Minister asked CESC officials not to give scope for such complaints and instructed them to provide power connections to all houses under 'Nirantara Jyoti' scheme. Taking note of the drinking water problem in some villages, Devegowda directed the officials to take appropriate measures so that no drinking water crisis surfaces in any of the villages, with summer fast approaching.

Devegowda was given a rousing welcome in all the villages which he visited.

Speaking to presspersons, GTD said that the State Government was mulling on hiking monthly pension to Rs.2,000 to all beneficiaries covered under various social pension schemes.

Announcing that the PWD has sanctioned Rs.100 crore for improvement and upgradation of roads in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, he said that there is a proposal for three lift irrigation projects in Mysuru Taluk, totally estimated to cost Rs. 85 crore and he had talked to the Chief Minister in this regard.

Tahsildar Ramesh Babu, ASP Sneha, ZP member Beerihundi Basavanna, Mysuru TP Vice-President N.B. Manju and others were present.

Mysore Welfare Trust joins hands with MCC for Cleanest City tag

Mysore Welfare Trust President Dr. Sara Haq in discussion with Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath about the Swachhata Abhiyan at the MCC office premises in city.

Mysuru, Jan.14 (MTY&NNN)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is making all efforts to regain the top spot in the Swachh Bharat rankings by joining hands with many voluntary organisations. One of the partners among them is Mysore Welfare Trust through whom hundreds of volunteers will gather on Jan.17 and take up cleaning work in various parts of the city.

Mysore Welfare Trust President Dr. Sara Haq met Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath in this regard at her chambers in MCC office premises recently and discussed with her about the participation of nearly 300 volunteers in the Swachhata Abhiyan.

The Mayor said that MCC is glad to collaborate with Mysore Welfare Trust that has taken an initiative in making Mysuru an eco-friendly city. She said that 'Eco-friendly Mysuru' campaign will be a year-long one dealing with issues related to environment, cleanliness, hygiene and plastic-free zone.

Volunteers will gather near the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in front of the Palace North Gate on Jan.17 at 7.30 am and participate in the first plogging party (plogging is a combination of jogging with picking up litter), led by Jacob Cherian.

Later, the volunteers will be doing a plogging party near the foot of Chamundi Hill, Karanji and Kukkarahalli lakes as part of the launch, she said. Dr. Haq said that Mysore Welfare Trust has come forward to cooperate with MCC to maintain cleanliness of the city. Already 200 volunteers had registered and they include college students, Medical College students and employees of private companies.

Apart from this, schools, colleges, government and private offices, business establishments, hoteliers have been asked to clean about 200 metres in their vicinity between 10 am to 12 noon on Jan.17, said the Mayor.

Mysore Welfare Trust Directors Nikhat Habib, Safdar Khaiser, Ismail Khan and others were present.

Entries invited for award

Mysuru, Jan.14- As part of its third anniversary, the city's 'Upparamithra' monthly magazine has invited entries from achievers of various fields for conferment of 'Bhageeratha Shri' State Award.

Achievers from fields such as education, literature, Arts, cinema, music, singing, Bharatanatyam, dance, sports, medicine, agriculture, media, co-operation, science, folklore, social service, youth affairs, environment etc.., can send entries via e-mail: upparamithra@gmail.com or address to Ranganatha Printers, Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah complex S. Nanjappa Road, next to Corporation Bank, Sri Rama Block, K.R. Nagar- 571602.

The last date for receiving entries is Mar.10. For details, contact Mob: 99015-35234.

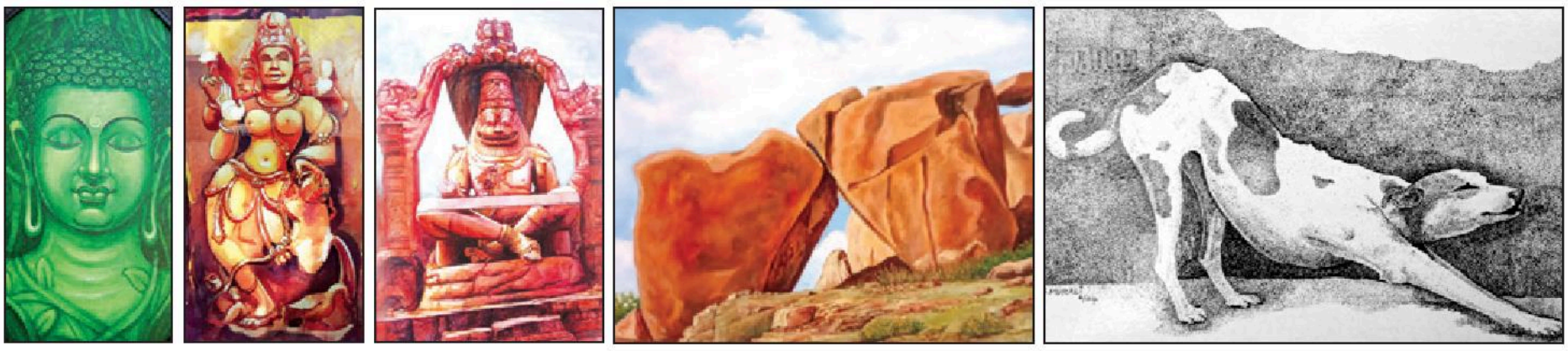
'Trin Trin' picks up 11,000 members in 18 months

Mysuru,Jan.14 (US&PM)- Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) system 'Trin Trin,' introduced 18 months ago has become popular in city with 11,000 people becoming members and covering 11 lakh kilometre distance so far with about 1,200 people using the facility daily. About 40% of school and college students are using the cycles as a mode of transport thereby reducing pollution. 'Trin Trin' was launched on June 4, 2017 for the first time in the country. The facility was introduced by Mysore City Corporation (MCC) in association with City Surface Transport Directorate with funding by World Bank and maintained by 'Green Wheel Ride'. Right now, 450 cycles are provided in the facility, 30 of which are geared cycles which are kept at the docking centre at the foot of Chamundi Hill to facilitate uphill riding. There are a total of 52 docking stations set up across the city.

PBS Electronics and IT Section Manager S. Bhushan says, cycles are of best quality each bearing a number to facilitate tracking and kilometre run and replacing worn-out parts. He adds that 11 lakh km of running cycles has brought down carbon-dioxide emission by about 100 tonnes and helped reduce temperature and pollution.

Trin Trin Usage: Six centres have been opened in city to register membership which can also be done at 'Mysore One' Centres. The registration fee is Rs. 360 which includes a refundable deposit of Rs. 250 and a processing fee of Rs. 50.

Regular fee for ride is applicable. Registration can be done online too. Smart card is issued after registration which can be swiped at any docking station to avail cycle and return to any nearby docking station.



Kala Mela, a special attraction at Bahuroopi Festival

Over 1,000 paintings on display till Jan.18

Mysuru, Jan.14 (PM&US)- For the first time, Bahuroopi, the annual National Theatre Festival hosted by Rangayana here, has also included a 'Kala Mela' featuring a vast spread of paintings including abstract paintings, landscapes, natural wonders and historical idols.

The art exhibits range from contemporary to Tanjore style and in short, a visual treat for connoisseurs of art.

Over 1,000 paintings crafted by artists from Chamarajendra Government College for Visual Arts (earlier CAVA), Kalaniketana School of Arts and Vyjayanti School of Arts are on display.

The paintings are of Various sizes from 1 ft x 1 ft to 6ft x 4 ft valued from Rs.5,000 to Rs.5 lakh. The expo, open daily from 10 am to 10 pm, closes on Jan.18.

'Kala Mela' Convenor and Kalaniketana School of Arts Principal Mahadeva Shetty said that visitors to the expo can buy the exhibits of their choice. He further said that Rangayana initially planned to organise a day-long 'Chitra Santhe' but later chose to organise a full-fledged 'Kala Mela' involving a large number of artists. Artist T.S. Murali has come out with landscape paintings portraying various important locations in the State.

Varuna Government High School Art Teacher Murali has evolved pictures of humans and dogs using ink dots.

Artist R. Shivakumar has excellently painted pictures of Gods and Goddesses like Chamundeshwari, Vishnu, Lakshmi, Saraswati and Krishna.

Sister Rocks: Explaining the rare painting of 'Sister Rocks,' Artist Murali said that the unique pair of rocks each supporting the weight of the other on the way to Hampi was once called as 'Sister Rocks.' However, now they have parted possibly owing to weathering action.

Murali has also painted a picture called 'Vimana Bande' found near the Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Mantralaya.

World Braille Day at Joyalukkas

Scholarships distributed to visually impaired degree students

Mysuru, Jan.14- UNO has declared Jan.4 as World Braille Day to mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the French educator and inventor of a system of reading and writing for use by the blind or visually impaired. His system remains virtually unchanged to this day, and is known worldwide simply as Braille.

To commemorate this Day, Suraksha Foundation, Mysuru, along with Aksha Bharath Mission, Sahana Charitable Trust, Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Central, Lions International, Abhyudaya Seva Samsthe, Orange Seva Samsthe and Team Swachanda held a programme at Joyalukkas Jewellery, B.N. Road, Mysuru, recently to distribute 'Help The Blind Foundation Scholarship' cheques to the deserving visually impaired degree students.

N. Shivaji Rao - Trustee, Help The Blind Foundation; Bhaskar Kalale - President and GM, India Operations, Theorem India Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru; Ln. K.S. Gururaja - President, Lions Sevaniketan School; Dr. Mangala - Ophthalmologist, JSS Hospital; Anitha Suresh - President, Inner Wheel Central; Joffy Paul - Branch Manager, Joyalukkas, were present.

Malabar inaugurates new showroom in Chikmagalur

Mysuru, Jan.14- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the top jewellery brands in the world, is on an expansion-spree.

Noted Kannada film actor Sriimurali inaugurated the new showroom at Chikmagalur recently in the presence of MLA C.T. Ravi, Malabar Group Executive Director Majeed, Zonal Head Karnataka - Filsor Babu and other Management Heads of Malabar Group.

The new spacious showroom situated at K.M. Road, opposite St. Joseph's Convent, Chikmagalur, showcases the latest collection in gold, diamond, precious stones, platinum, watches and silver.

As part of exclusive inaugural offers, customers can avail Rs.100 off per gram for gold jewelry and flat 10% off on diamond value. This offer is valid till Jan.15, 2019.

WORD OF THE DAY

Venal

Pronunciation: VEE-nul.

Meaning: Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery, corrupt.
Origin: If one is given the choice between acts that are venal and those that are venial, go for the venial. Although the two words look and sound alike, they have very different meanings and histories. Venal demonstrates the adage that anything can be had if the price is high enough and the morals are low enough. That word originated with the Latin venum, which simply referred to something that was sold or for sale. Some of those transactions must have been rather shady because by the mid-1600s, venal had gained the sense of corruption it carries today. Venial sins, on the other hand, are pardonable, the kind that show that everyone makes mistakes sometimes. That forgiving term descends from venia, Latin for "favour," "indulgence," or "pardon."
Example: The venal police officer accepted the money the drug dealers gave him to look away from their illegal deals.

THE ODD WORD

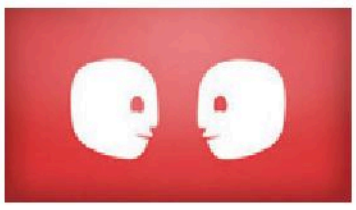
Virulent

Extremely dangerous and usually spreading very quickly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Vis-a-vis

Meaning: In a position facing another. Literally 'face to face.'



Origin: The term is French and began to be used in English in the mid 18th century. When 'vis-a-vis' was introduced into England it was provided with two distinct meanings, both of which were in use from the 1750s onward. Oddly, it seems that these were both introduced by the author and politician Horace Walpole. The meaning was the literal translation from the French, that is, 'face-to-face'.
The meaning was extended to apply to any person or thing that was facing another, for example, one's dance partner, someone sitting across the table at mealtime, couples meeting in the street, etc.
Example: What a figure would they make vis-a-vis his manly vivacity and dashing eloquence.

QUOTE BOX

The keenest sorrow is to recognise ourselves as the sole cause of all our adversities. **—Sophocles**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Read between the lines.

SUDOKU

			3			6	9	
9				5		8		
4	7		1		8			
		2				4		9
	6						3	
7		9				1		
			5		2		8	3
		3		8				4
	5	4			3			

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	1	5	2	7	4	9	3
2	3	4	6	1	9	8	7	5
9	5	7	8	3	4	6	1	2
4	6	2	9	8	5	1	3	7
5	7	8	1	4	3	2	6	9
1	9	3	2	7	6	5	8	4
7	2	6	4	9	8	3	5	1
8	4	9	3	5	1	7	2	6
3	1	5	7	6	2	9	4	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

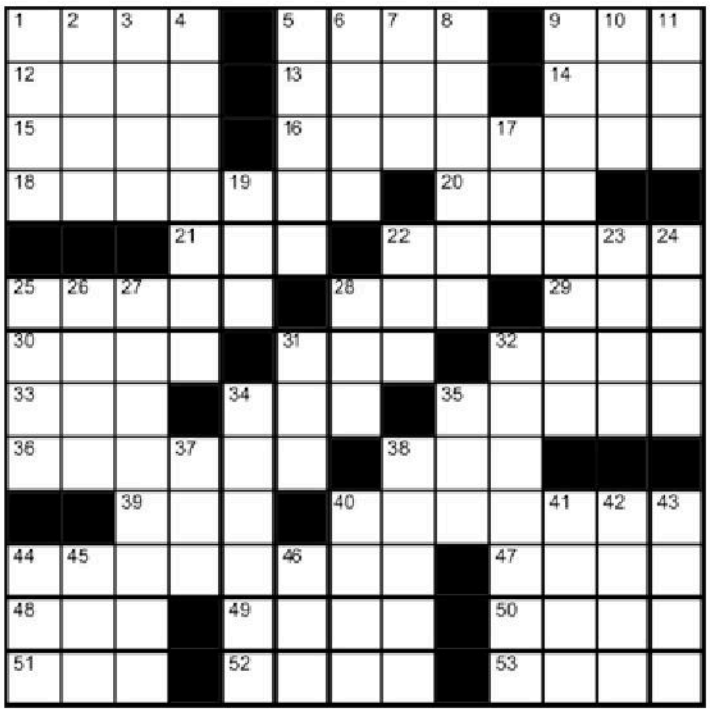
1 Hypocritical talk
5 ___ over : persuades; gains support of
9 Susbscriber Trunk Dialling, in short
12 Wings or winglike parts
13 ___ out : find and get rid of?
14 Gardening implement
15 Sound with which cats show pleasure
16 On the move? (2,6)
18 Dubai for one
20 Friend or chum
21 A synthetic fruit drink
22 Legendary; celebrated in tales or stories?
25 Two thousand five hundred four - in Roman numerals
28 A humorous person?
29 Org. of African Unity
30 English batsman ___ Morgan
31 To the ___ : to the greatest or furthest degree; totally?
32 ___ upon a time...: a fairy tale beginning?
33 Abstract being - "sen" anagram?
34 Attila was one
35 Breathes deeply
36 Victor or master? (3,3)
38 A small unit of length
39 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
40 Utters a series of oaths; swears (4,3)
44 Photograph
47 A bird or a plaything for a boy
48 Very cold
49 Intensely dislike
50 __ it: I understood this? (1,3)
51 LP successors
52 Now CIS
53 Title

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

N	A	P	S	■	A	K	A	■	S	A	T	A
D	I	V	E	S	T	E	D	■	I	B	I	D
A	M	R	I	T	R	A	J	■	K	E	N	O
■	■	■	N	E	Y	■	A	N	K	L	E	S
S	A	L	E	M	■	C	C	I	I	■	■	■
A	M	A	R	■	K	E	E	P	M	U	M	■
D	I	M	■	M	E	A	N	S	■	M	O	D
■	T	A	L	L	E	S	T	■	A	B	B	E
■	■	■	P	I	P	E	■	P	R	O	S	E
F	I	L	L	I	P	■	M	A	C	■	■	■
U	V	E	A	■	A	M	B	I	T	I	O	N
M	E	A	T	■	C	H	A	R	I	S	M	A
E	S	N	E	■	E	O	S	■	C	O	S	T

DOWN

1 A loose garment or a coastal feature
2 An astringent
3 ___ Contractor : ex-India cricket captain?
4 Piece of land
5 Mark paper or other surface with symbols?
6 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
7 ___ de plume : an alias?
8 __ __ nothing : be ruthless? (4,2)
9 Capital of Meghalaya
10 ___ much : quite a bit?
11 Lair of a lion
17 Label or key on a computer keyboard?
19 Advocate, in short
22 ___ up : arrange, organise or accommodate?
23 Every one taken separately
24 Obligatory payments
25 Come into contact
26 One as a prefix; not a stereo
27 Shows or exhibits
28 Pale or sickly in colour
31 Rob at gunpoint or with the threat of violence
32 Waterproofed cloth
34 Largest island of Japan's mainland
35 ___ at a person's feet : be his pupil?
37 Take a ___ : enter the swimming pool, in a way?
38 Measuring device
40 In large numbers, in a way
41 Baltic city
42 One thing in a list
43 Sneaky ____ : a tell-tale person, should we say?
44 Thus used or spelt, etc.; so in Latin?
45 No Computed Data
46 Owns or possesses



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LEP RPPT YW XCR LY UEYSSQ APCSNMP

ENXHPSW NH LEP YRSQ WNFPT HLCA

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It still holds true that man is most uniquely human when he turns obstacles into opportunities

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Lambodara	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ananthu v/s Nusrath	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
KGF	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Best Friends	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Bhaagte Raho	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Pyasi Patni	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Viswasam	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Petta	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Vinaya Vidheya Rama	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
N.T.R. Kathanayakudu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Petta (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 6.40, 9.55 pm
Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.00, 9.55 pm
F2 - Fun & Frustration (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 9.55 pm
Viswasam (Ta)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm
KGF (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Simmba (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 7.10 pm 9.55 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	4.25 pm

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Petta (Ta)	(S-1)	11.55 am, 6.25 pm
	(S-2)	8.50 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Viswasam (Ta)	(S-1)	8.50 am, 3.20 pm, 9.50 pm
F2 - Fun & Frustration (Te)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
KGF (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 6.45 pm
	(S-3)	3.20 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
N.T.R -Kathanayakakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Lambodara (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Viswasam (Ta)	8.20 am, 3.10 pm 10.00 pm
Petta (Ta)	8.35 am, 11.35 am
	3.15 pm 6.25 pm, 9.55 pm
KGF (K)	8.55 am, 12.10 pm, 9.50 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	10.00 am, 10.00 pm
Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	12.10 pm, 6.50 pm
NTR Kathanayakudu (Te)	1.00 pm
F2 (Te)	3.15 pm
The Accidental Prime Minister (H)	4.35 pm
Simmba (H)	6.25 pm
Lambodara (K)	7.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Bahuroopi Theatre Fest

14.1.2019	15.1.2019	16.1.2019
MINI THEATRE, 6 PM **Agarbatti** (Hindi) *Troupe:* Samagam Rang Mandal	**MINI THEATRE, 6 PM** **Dharmaputra** (Kannada) *Troupe:* Ranga Sampada, Belagavi	**MINI THEATRE, 6 PM** **Malemnganbi** (Manipuri) *Troupe:* Peace Maker Artists' Association, Imphal
BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 PM **Item** (Gujarati) *Troupe:* Astitva Art Foundation, Ahmedabad	**BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 PM** **Hum Mukhtara** (Bengali) *Troupe:* Rangakarmee West Bengal	**BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 PM** **Baagh** (Assamese) *Troupe:* Jirsong Theatre Assam
VANARANGA, 7 PM **Sadyakkidu Hucchara Santi** (Ka) *Troupe:* Kalaburagi Art Theatre, Kalaburagi	**VANARANGA, 7 PM** **Bulha** (Punjabi) *Troupe:* Manch Rangamanch Amritsar	**VANARANGA, 7 PM** **Dakshayajna** (Kannada) *Troupe:* Yakshagana Sirikala Mela, Bengaluru
KALAMANDIRA, 8 PM **Sri Ramayana Darshanam** (Kannada) *Troupe:* Rangayana Repertory Mysuru	**KALAMANDIRA, 8 PM** **Kunta Kona Mooka Jaana** (Kannada) *Troupe :* Vishwajyothi Sri Panchakshari Natya Sangha, Jevargi	**KALAMANDIRA, 8 PM** **Sri Ramayana Darshanam** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru

Bahuroopi Film Fest

15.1.2019 (Tuesday) — Venue: SRIRANGA AUDITORIUM

- **10.30 am to 12 noon** : *Purple Skies* (2014) (English - 52 mins) — *Dir:* Sridhar Raghavan
- **12 noon to 1.30 pm** : *Southern Comfort (2001)* — *Dir:* Kate Davis
- **2 pm to 4.30 pm** : *Baran* (Persian - 94 mins) — *Dir:* Majid Majidi

16.1.2019 (Wednesday) — Venue: SRIRANGA AUDITORIUM

- **10.30 am to 12 noon** : *Messages from Bhupen Kakher* (English 36 mins)
  All about our Famida (2014) (60 mins) *Dir:* Sundera Kamath, Chellam Bennurkar
- **12 noon to 1.30 pm** : *Persepolis* (2007) (Persian - 95 min) — *Dir:* Vincent Paronnaud
- **2 pm to 4.30 pm** : *Chitrangad* (2011) (Bengali) — *Dir:* Ritparna Gosh

For more details, log on to website: *www.rangayana.org*

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.14)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Department of Kannada and Culture:

Conferring of State Sangeetha Vidwan Award on **Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath** by District Minister G.T. Devegowda, Kindarajogi premises, Rangayana, **4.45 pm.**

Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, Kuvempunagar: Cauvery Sambhramothsava, 28th Annual Day celebration, MLA S.A. Ramdas chief guest, DDPU Dr. Dayananda guest of honour, SCEI Education Council Chairman M.K. Kuttappa presides, Institution premises, **5 pm.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: Annual celebrations, Laksha Deepotsava, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse by Vid. Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Department of Kannada and Culture: Bharatanatyam by Malini and troupe, Ananda School HM Nisha Chakravarthi Raghavendra and Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa chief guests, Ananda Ashrama auditorium, Ananda Marga School, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Discourse: Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.15)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatada Prathama Skanda' by Vid. Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY (JAN.16)

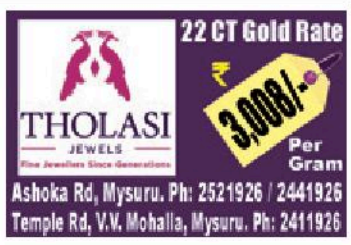
St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram: One-day State-level Literary Workshop on 'New possibilities in Literature Study,' Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Prof. M. Talawar inaugurates, MDES Secretary Rev. Vijay Kumar presides, College auditorium, **9.30 am.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatada Prathama Skanda' by Vid. Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

NPS International, Mysuru: Graduation Day, C.S. Ravishankar, Consulting Architect, President - Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club, addresses students, Dr. K.P. Gopalkrishna, Chairman and Founder Principal, TISB, NALP and NPS Educational Institutions, Dr. Bindu Hari, Director, TISB, NAFL and NPS Educational Institutions and Shubha Achaiah, will be present, Institution premises, **5.30 pm.**



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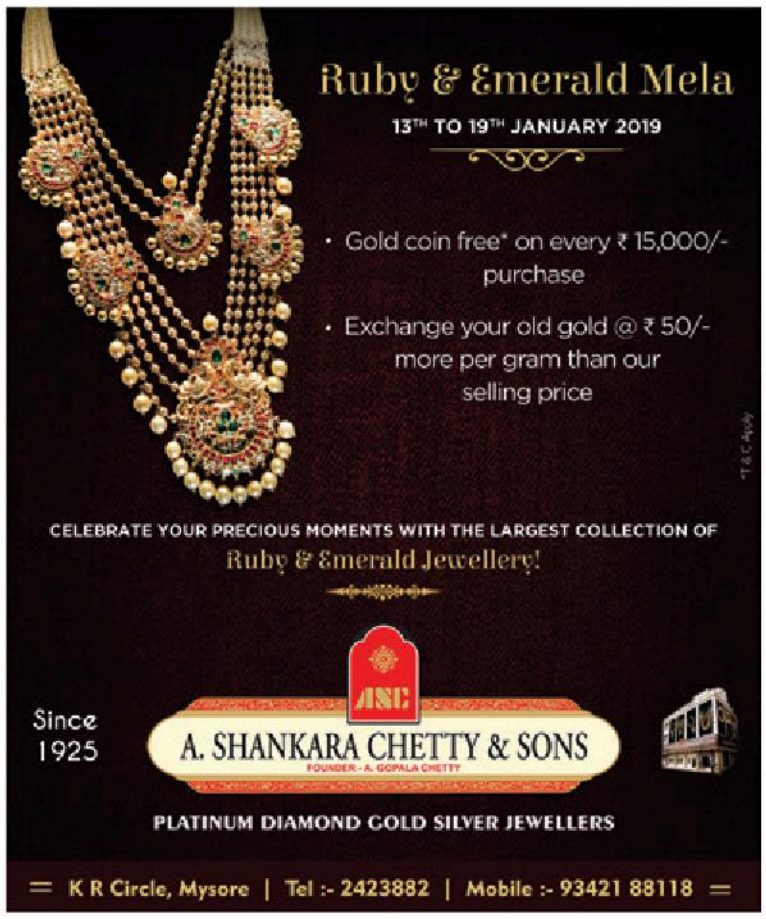

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